

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN POLICY**

Thursday, June 22, 2006

9:30 a.m.

Room 307, House Office Building

Chair Stakoe called the Standing Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi, Virgil Smith (10/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Van Regenmorter (1/11)

Representative Nitz, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on June 15, 2006. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 6105** before the committee.

HB 6105	Rocca	Public utilities; rates; setting of rates for Detroit water and sewage department; require of public service commission.
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Representative Rocca explained the intent of the bill and a proposed **Substitute (H-2)**, and answered questions.

Joe Fivas, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

Tom Martin, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Virgil Smith submitted a copy of a constituent letter in **opposition** to the bill.

Kenneth Cole, representing the City of Detroit, submitted a letter from the Detroit Caucus in **opposition** to the bill.

Sanford Novick, representing the Lansing Board of Water & Light, submitted a letter in **opposition** to the bill.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 6215** before the committee.

HB 6215	Hildenbrand	Watercraft; other; local ordinances regulating use of vessels; authorize under certain circumstances.
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Representative Hildenbrand explained the intent of the bill.

The **Chair** returned to **House Bill 6105**.

Representative Nitz, supported by **Representative Elsenheimer**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-2)** to **House Bill 6105**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker (6/11)

NAYS: Reps. Vagnozzi and Virgil Smith (2/11)

PASS: Reps. Accavitti and Donigan (2/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Robertson, supported by **Representative Nitz**, moved to report **House Bill 6105**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-2)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker (6/11)

NAYS: Reps. Accavitti, Vagnozzi, Virgil Smith (3/11)

PASS: Rep. Donigan (1/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** returned to **House Bill 6215**.

Representative Hildenbrand continued with his testimony and answered questions.

Rodney Stokes and **Craig Grey**, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

Erin McDonough, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified and submitted a letter in **opposition** to the bill, and answered questions.

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Bret Marr, representing the Michigan Boating Industries Association, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Dave Ladd, representing the National Marine Manufacturers Association, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Elsenheimer, supported by **Representative Robertson**, moved to report **House Bill 6215**, with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Accavitti (6/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: Reps. Donigan, Vagnozzi, Virgil Smith (3/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Nitz, supported by **Representative Robertson**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Stakoe** excused **Representative Van Regenmorter**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:20 a.m.**

Representative John Stakoe, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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